

Joint Statement on International Women's Day from the two female members of the Common Council

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**Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs**: I was blessed to have been raised and nurtured by a loving, caring and talented woman – my mother. I have always been inspired by her and by other remarkable women I have been so lucky to have met and worked with. I genuinely love them as my sisters. On this International Women's Day and into the future, I ask that women across Milwaukee work to uplift and encourage each other in meaningful ways.

Alderwoman Chantia Lewis: As a political newcomer, I was inspired to run due in large part to my elected representatives being women, from the State Senate to the U.S. House of Representatives to the U.S. Senate. During my hard fought campaign, it was often other women who picked me up and pushed me in those times of doubt. I hope to pay this forward and ask that women across Milwaukee take the time to include and inspire others on International Women's Day and beyond.